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To encourage

From 8 a.m. to noon Friday drop by the Thompson Center (100 W. Randolph St.) to celebrate the National Day of Encouragement by writing a letter to soldiers serving overseas or telling a story about someone who encouraged you.

To save

Stock up on fall clothes and accessories at Scarlet Designs Studio (65 E. Oak St.) for up to 90 percent off from noon to 4 p.m. Friday at the store's first anniversary sale.

To model

Go to an open call for male models from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Hydrate (3458 N. Halsted St.). You could win a trip to New York to compete for a contract with Undergear and a spot on the cover of Instinct magazine.

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Here's the winner of Thursday's caption contest. We'll be back next week with more hilariously unlabeled photos.

"I'm calling you out Caviezel. I would have made a much better Jesus than you." -DONALD





A wet start to the weekend: Cloudy with a few T-storms.



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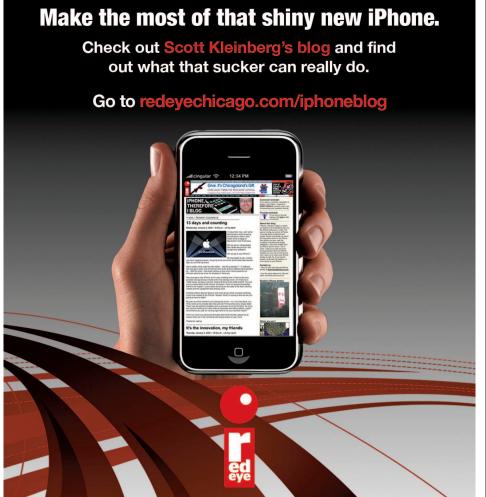
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Common ground

McCain and Obama commemorate 9/11 anniversary together

Associated Press

NEW YORK Presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama made Ground Zero their common ground for one rare day, free of politics and infused with memory.

Putting their partisan contest on a respectful hold, they walked together Thursday into the great pit where the World Trade Center once stood and, as one, honored the dead from the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

They walked down a long ramp flanked with the flags of countries, chatting at times, silent other times, and sharing a quick laugh at one point. Right behind them, Cindy McCain clutched Mayor Michael Bloomberg's arm—Michelle Obama was with her daughters in Chicago.

At the bottom of the ramp, the two rivals stopped to talk with a small group of family members of the attacks' victims of seven years ago. They laid flowers at the pit's commemorative reflecting pool, bowed their heads and walked off to speak with fire and police personnel. There were no speeches.

Earlier, McCain spoke briefly at a simple ceremony in rural western Pennsylvania, held on a large hilly field close to where United Airlines Flight 93, the third of four airliners commandeered by terrorists, crashed. The Arizona senator said those on the flight might have saved his own life, as some believe the terrorists wanted to slam that plane into the U.S. Capitol. He said the only way to thank those who died on the flight is to "be as good an American as they were."

Obama, in a statement, said that on Sept. 11, 2001, "Americans across our great country came together to stand with the families of the victims, to donate blood, to give to charity, and to say a prayer for our country. Let us renew that."



John McCain (left) and Barack Obama toss flowers into the reflecting pool Thursday at Ground Zero. AP

In New York

Relatives of victims killed at the World Trade Center gathered at Ground Zero in lower Manhattan for readings from dignitaries and a recitation of the names of the dead. "Today marks the seventh anniversary of the day our world was broken," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. "It lives forever in our hearts and our history, a tragedy that unites us in a common memory and a common story."

In Washingon

President Bush said
Thursday that history will
look back at America's
response to the terror
attacks of Sept. 11, 2001
and conclude that "we did
not tire, we did not falter
and we did not fail." At the
dedication of a memorial
at the Pentagon honoring
those who died there, Bush
said the terrorists could
not break the resolve of
the U.S. armed forces.

In Pennsylvania

At least 200 people gathered Thursday morning at an observance in a reclaimed minefield in Shanksville, Pa., where Flight 93 came down after passengers reportedly stormed the cockpit to thwart terrorists' plans to use that plane as a weapon like the other airliners. AP

Governor warns of danger as Texans evacuate

Associated Press

HOUSTON Authorities in the Houston area and along the Southeast Texas Gulf Coast ordered hundreds of thousands of people to evacuate Thursday as Hurricane Ike lumbered toward the coast and threatened to grow even stronger.

Traffic was building on roadways leading away from low-lying areas in Galveston County, and officials urged residents to finish storm preparations quickly. Some gas stations were running out of fuel as residents scurried to leave.

"It's a big storm. I cannot overemphasize the danger that is facing us," Gov. Rick Perry said at a news conference. "It's going to do some substantial damage. It's going to knock out power. It's going to cause massive flooding."

Forecasters issued a hurricane warning for the Texas Gulf Coast from the Louisiana state line to near Corpus Christi. The warning, which also extended east along much of the Louisiana coast to Morgan City, means hurricane conditions

could reach the coast by late Friday with the front edge of the storm before its powerful center hits land over the weekend.

If current projections of the storm's path hold up, the area surrounding Houston—home to about 4 million people—would be lashed by the eastern or "dirty" side of the storm, said meteorologist Jeff Masters, co-founder of San Francisco-based Weather Underground. This stronger side often has punishing rains, walloping storm surge and tornadoes.

STORM WATCH

Ike is expected to become at least a Category 3 storm, with winds upward of 111 mph, before it comes ashore, the National Hurricane Center in Miami said. Some forecasts indicate Ike could grow to a Category 4, with winds of at least 131 mph. Emergency officials warned it could drive a storm surge as high as 18 feet.

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"Remember, if God didn't want us to have tantrums over baseball, why did he make remote controls just the right size to throw across the room?"

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Relieve September baseball stress

The instant messages from my White Sox fan cousin started popping up on my computer screen shortly after 10 a.m.

"I've been sick to my stomach all day."

"This is driving me nuts."

"This isn't fun, it's too stressful."

All that and the opening pitch of Thursday's Sox game was still nine hours away.

Welcome to September baseball.

There isn't a relaxed baseball fan on either side of town, not when the Sox are in a nip-tuck pennant race and the Cubs, despite apparently having an insurmountable lead to secure a playoff berth, are in the midst of their worst stretch of the season.

So what can you do? Here are some suggestions:

>> Quit while you're ahead: My first suggestion to relieve stress is to just walk away; don't watch a second of baseball from here on out and sign up for a ceramics class.

But since we're talking about an addiction here, and we both know that's not possible, what you have to do is turn off the TV whenever the Cubs or Sox are ahead by three or more runs.

You're basically in a no-win situation at this point because you've already chalked this up as a win, reduced the magic number in your head, and if they hang on it's nothing you haven't already expected.

But if they blow it? If you're like me you're going to need to go cuddle in the corner with your blanky.

- >> Quit while you're behind: Take the logic above and reverse it.
- **>> Go on a honeymoon:** I tried this in 2003. I was not able to watch any games during the final week of that season because I was in Greece.

And it worked! Well, sort of. I abandoned my bride at midnight one night to check scores at an Internet cafe. So there was that.

- >> Freak out: Don't let anybody tell you you're not allowed to scream, yell and make an ass of yourself in the name of the Cubs or Sox. If you don't believe me, just go ask Lou Piniella or Ozzie Guillen.
- >> Respect the tantrum: This is for friends and family of diehard fans who might not yet understand that there's nothing you can do to force rational thinking upon your loved ones. The season will soon pass, but until it does the screaming and crying won't end.

Remember, if God didn't want us to have tantrums over baseball, why did he make remote controls just the right size to throw across the room?

Kind of makes you think.

- >> Drinking games: Turn your worries into an evening of festivities. Whenever the Cubs blow a lead, take a shot. Do the same whenever a White Sox player suffers a season-ending injury. You'll forget about your troubles in no time.
- >> Write up a list of ways to be stress-free: Don't try this. It doesn't work.

CORRECTION

A story Tuesday about the CTA incorrectly stated that Gov. Blagojevich signed an executive order to create free rides for income-eligible disabled riders. Those free rides are the result of legislation passed by the General Assembly and signed by Blagojevich.



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Not-so-thin is in fashion

Fewer super-skinny models walk the runways at New York Fashion Week

Associated Press

NEW YORK For years, model thin has been in, but there were fewer protruding collarbones and ribs to be counted at New York Fashion Week.

Models were up to sizes 2 and 4-not 0, according to Nian Fish, chair of a fashion designers health initiative. And at least one super-thin model who had the audience talking a few seasons ago was noticeably absent.

"I think a lot of the direction from the designers has been a much healthier approach," said James Aguiar, co-host of Ultra HD's "Full Frontal Fashion," who noticed more curves and smiles on the runway.

The question of how thin is too thin has been tossed around since Kate Moss made her modeling debut 20 years ago, ushering in an era of "heroin chic." In 2006, at least two models died from complications linked to eating disorders, which prompted some in Europe to try to ban skinny models from the runway.

Efforts were more modest in the U.S. The Council of Fashion Designers of America held workshops on eating disorders and recommended that designers keep models younger than 16 off the runway, offer healthier snacks backstage and require those identified as having an eating disorder to seek professional help.

"I think there's progress," said Fish, creative consultant for KCD Worldwide, which produces fashion shows and events. "The girls are still slim. We didn't want them not to be slim. We

A model speaks out

As a new model at 15, Coco Rocha said she went to Singapore and lost 10 pounds in six weeks. When she returned to the U.S. she was so obsessed with food, she beat herself up over eating an apple. She remembers people in the industry telling her: "'You need to lose more weight. The look this year is anorexia. We don't want you to be anorexic but that's what we want you to look like." AP

wanted a projection of health."

Eating disorders groups have recommended requiring adult models to have a body mass index of at least 18.5 - the lower limits of a normal weight—and an independent medical certification affirming that they do not suffer from an eating disorder.

"They do drug testing for sports. Why? To keep competition clean but hopefully also to save lives. That's what we want too," said Lynn Grefe, CEO of the National Eating Disorders Association.

For now, the goal is simply to raise awareness, said Diane von Furstenberg, designer and president of the Council of Fashion Designers of America.

"I think that it's a good thing to do it the way we're doing it as opposed to throwing those poor girls on a scale and terrifying them even more," she said.



BY THE NUMBERS

For the first time in a half-century of record-keeping, a majority of babies born to women younger than 30 were out of wedlock, says Andrew Sum, an economist who directs Northeastern University's Center for Labor Market Studies.

of babies were born to women younger than 30 and out of wedlock in 2006

6% of babies were born to mothers younger than 30 and out of wedlock in 1960

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Bank robbery suspect dude looks like a lady

Chicago Tribune

The FBI recently has dealt with bank robbers who wore Kangol hats, secondhand clothes and even a Groucho Marx mustache. But a robbery suspect the bureau is searching for is apparently trying to steal the show.

"The Cross-Dressing Bandit" is wanted for a heist at a Park Ridge bank Aug. 13, where he calmly appeared in a long blackand-pink dress, a pink sun hat, long white gloves and white sandals before announcing a stickup.

"We're not sure if this guy put his ensemble together himself, or if he raided his grandma's closet," FBI Special Agent Tom Simon said.

The bandit demanded access to the vault at the MB Financial Bank, but he had to settle for cash that a teller stuffed into a plastic bag after he brandished a black revolver with a wood-grain handle.

The robber can be seen in images released by the FBI walking around the bank with the pink, floppy hat often shielding his face. But at least two bank employees and a customer may have gotten a good look at her—errr, him.

The bandit brought the three to a bathroom, where he tied their hands behind their backs with plastic restraints, authorities said. He eventually fled in an unknown direction, the FBI said.

Agents are looking for an African-American man about 25 years old, 5-foot-10 and 150 pounds. Though the robber's outfit may have been ridiculous, the FBI said he should be considered armed and dangerous.

There's a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the suspect's arrest. Anyone with information is asked to call the FBI at 312-421-6700.

DIGIT

\$25,000

One day after authorities released a suspect in the murder of Chicago Police Detective Robert Soto, an anonymous donor is offering an additional \$25,000 for the arrest and conviction of the officer's killer. The Chicago Fraternal Order of Police already was offering \$10,000. Police are asking anyone with information to call 312-746-8252.



Peter Madsen (from left), Ken MacLeod and Kevin Freel sport the new TSA uniforms Thursday at O'Hare. NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE

The TSA's new clothes

Agency hopes airport security screeners' threads will fly with public

Chicago Tribune

If there is any truth to the old military expression that "the uniform makes the man," then new garb might do wonders for the morale of the nation's airport security screeners.

That, and generating more respect from the flying public, is the hope of the Transportation Security Administration.

On Thursday, the TSA put on a security fashion show of sorts at O'Hare. Out are the TSA uniforms that have been worn since the agency was created after 9/11. In is a new official wardrobe that looks more like a police officer's uniform.

The cloth TSA badge that was sewn onto the white shirt on the old uniform has been replaced by a gold metal badge. The white shirt has been traded in for a blue one.

The goal is to give screeners a more professional appearance and establish a greater air of authority, in an effort to command respect from travelers.

"While the uniform and badge respect the professionalism of our officers, it's what's

WARDROBE UPDATE

At the TSA's Web site, **tsa.gov**, the new uniforms are dissected piece by piece. Here's a look at what's new:

- >> A metal badge replaces the embroidered one to represent the continuing evolution of the officers' roles and responsibilities.
- >> The name tag now displays the officer's last name and rank. This allows passengers to more easily identify officers.
- >> Shirt is dark blue, 65/35 poly/cotton blend. It stays cleaner and is designed to be more comfortable.

- >> The TSA emblem identifies TSA officers and communicates the agency's core values of integrity, team spirit and innovation.
- >> Embroidered lettering is removed to enhance the overall look of the uniform.
- >> Shoulder boards still indicate the rank of the officer and feature silver letters to match other accessories.
- A high-quality tie is used and required with a long-sleeved uniform shirt. This tie also attaches to the shirt to ensure the officer's safety.
- >> A wider belt is used to ensure a better fit with the pants.

behind the cloth and metal that embodies the spirit of TSA," said TSA Administrator Kip Hawley.

Near a security checkpoint Thursday morning at O'Hare, Annie Gregg, 23, a transportation security officer from Midlothian who has been working at the TSA for a year, agreed that the uniforms would improve morale, saying they look "a lot sharper" than

the old ones.

Screener Robert Jennings, 40, of Streamwood, a six-year TSA veteran, reflected on his position's importance on the seventh anniversary of the attacks.

"It's part of me helping out my country," Jennings said.

Security officers around the nation began wearing the new uniforms Thursday.

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■ Mamma Mia! (PG-13) 11:30,2:10,5:00,7:50,10:40

■ The House Bunny (PG-13) 11:10,1:40,4:00,6:40,9:40,12:01

■ Traitor (PG-13) 11:00,1:50,4:30,7:15,9:55,12:40

■ Death Race (R) 11:30,2:10,4:45,7:30,10:20

■ Fly Me 3-D (G) 11:20,1:45,4:15,6:45

■ Mirrors (R) 3:20,9:10,12:10

■ Pineapple Exp (R) 12:30,6:20

Journey-Center (PG) 9:20,11:50

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■ Bangkok Dngr (R) 10:20,12:40,3:00,5:20,7:40,9:55 ■ Babylon A.D. (PG-13) 12:35,5:10,9:40

■ Tropic Thunder (R) 11:20,2:00,4:30,7:05,9:25

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■ Sukiyaki West (R) 2:00,4:45,7:40,10:15
■ Elegy (R) 1:45,4:40,7:25,10:05
■ Frozen River (R) 1:50,4:15,7:10,10:10
■ Man on Wire (PG-13) 2:05,4:25,7:30,10:00
■ Bottle Shock (PG-13) 1:30,4:20,7:20
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■ Burn After Rd. (R) ★ 6:15,8:15,10:15 ■ Righteous Kill (R) ★ 5:40,7:45,9:50 ■ The Women (PG-13) ★ 4:50,7:20,9:40 ■ Tropic Thunder (R) 5:10,7:30,9:50

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 Proud American (PG) 2:10,4:40,7:10,9:40
 Disaster Movie (PG-13) 4:30 P.M.

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AMC Select Sixty Six (PG-13) 2:30,7:00

AMC Select Transsiberian (R) 4:45,9:15

Ripple Effect (R) 5:20 P.M.

■ Family Preys (PG-13) 10:00,10:45,11:30,12:45,1:20,2:15, 3:30,4:15,5:00,6:15,7:00,7:45,8:45,9:30,10:15

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■ The Women (PG-13) 10:10,12:15,1:15,3:05,4:35,6:35,7:35,9:35,10:25
■ AMC Select Burn After Rd. (R) 10:30,11:30,1:20,2:20, 4:10,5:10,7:00,8:00,9:40,10:40

■ Righteous Kill (R) 11:20,12:20,2:10,3:10,5:00,6:00,7:45, 8:45,10:35,11:35
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■ Family Preys (PG-13) 1:05,1:05,4:05,7:05,1:0:05
■ Bangkok Dngr (R) 10:15,1:2:35,1:35,3:15,5:45,8:45,8:15,10:45,11:30
■ AMC Select Vicky Cristina (PG-13) 1:1:0,2:0,4:30,7:20,1:0:05
■ Babylon A.D. (PG-13) 10:10,3:45,9:15
■ Traitor (PG-13) 10:20,1:25,4:00,6:50,9:45
■ AMC Select Hamlet 2 (R) 2:45,7:50
■ Death Race (R) 12:50,6:30,11:35

■ The House Bunny (PG-13) 11:05,1:45,4:10,7:05,9:25,11:45
■ Tropic Thunder (R) 10:00,11:00,1:00,2:00,4:15,5:15,7:20, 8:20,10:00,11:00

AMC Select Elegy (R) 12:05,3:00,5:30,8:10,10:45
 Pineapple Exp (R) 11:35,2:35,5:35,8:35,11:20
 Step Brothers (R) 11:00,4:00,9:10

■ The Dark Knight (PG-13) 10:00,12:00,1:30,3:30,5:00,7:00,8:30,10:30 ■ Mamma Mia! (PG-13) 12:10,5:10,10:10

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■ Burn After Rd. (R) ★ 11:15,11:50,2:00,2:30,4:40,5:30,7:20 8:00.9:50.10:50.12:50

■ Family Preys (PG-13) ★ 12:20,3:10,6:10,9:00,11:45 ■ Righteous Kill (R) ★ 12:00,1:00,2:40,3:50,5:15,6:50,7:50, 9:30,10:30,12:20

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■ Family Preys(PG-13) 12:20,1:20,2:10,3:10,4:10,5:10,6:10, 7:00,8:00,9:00,9:50

KERASOTES SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS

■ Righteous Kill (R) 1:40,4:30,7:10,10:00

■ The Women (PG-13) 1:00,3:50,6:30,9:45

■ Bangkok Dngr (R) 2:00,4:50,7:20,10:15 ■ Babylon A.D. (PG-13) 2:30,5:20,7:40,10:20

■ Disaster Movie (PG-13) 1:10,4:00,6:45,9:40

■ **Traitor** (PG-13) 1:50,4:40,7:50,10:30

■ The House Bunny (PG-13) 1:30,4:20,6:50,9:30

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Righteous Kill (R) ★ 12:40,1:40,3:40,4:30,6:40,7:10,9:20,10:00

The Women (PG-13) ★ 1:00,3:50,6:30,9:45

■ Bangkok Dngr (R) ★ 2:00,4:50,7:20,10:15

■ Babylon A.D. (PG-13) 2:30,5:20,7:40,10:20

□ bisaster Movie (PG-13) 1:10,4:00,6:45,9:40

Traitor (PG-13) 1:50,4:07,5:0,1:030

The House Bunny (PG-13) 1:30,4:20,6:50,9:30

□ Death Race (R) 3:30,9:10

■ Mirrors (R) 12:30,3:20,6:15,9:15

■ Mummy-Tomb (PG-13) 12:50,6:20

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Tropic Thunder (R) 12:40,3:00,5:20,7:40,10:00

Family-Preys (PG-13) 12:10,2:35,5:00,7:25,9:50

Vicky Cristina (PG-13) 1:05,3:15,5:27,7:36,9:45

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Burn After Rd. (R) ★ 12:35,3:00,5:25,7:50,10:15
Proud American (PG) ★ 11:45,2:20,4:55,7:30,10:15
Righteous Kill (R) ★ 12:15,130,250,46:55,256,40,800,9:15,10:30
The Women (PG-13) ★ 1:50,4:35,7:20,10:05
Family Preys (PG-13) ★ 1:20,14:53,15:43,08.00,7:15,8:45,10:00
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Bangkok Dngr (R) ★ 12:00,2:35,5:10,7:45,10:20
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Frozen River (R) 2:45,7:55
Hamiet 2 (R) 11:55,225,4:45,7:15,9:40
I Served (R) ★ 4:35,10:15
Pineapple Exp (R) 1:45,7:35
The Dark Knight (PG-13) 12:10,3:35,7:00,10:25
The House Bunny (PG-13) 11:45,2:15,4:40,7:25,9:55
Traitor (PG-13) 12:50,4:00,7:20,10:10
Transsiberian (R) 12:00,5:05,10:15
Tropic Thunder (R) 11:50,2:30,5:20,7:50,10:35
Vicky Cristina (PG-13) 11:55,2:20,4:45,7:10,9:40

■ Tropic Thunder (R) 12:40,3:30,6:40,9:20

■ Mirrors (R) 12:30.3:20.6:15.9:15

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CRIME WATCH

ENGLEWOOD

Man found shot in Englewood

A 20-year-old man was found shot to death Thursday morning lying on a sidewalk in Englewood, Chicago police said. The man was discovered in the 6500 block of South Laflin Street just before 7:30 a.m. after witnesses reported hearing gunfire, police said. The witnesses told police a white car, possibly a Buick Regal, was seen fleeing the scene with a broken window, but it was unclear what role its occupants may have played in the shooting.

WEST SIDE

Man shot to death on West Side

A man in his 20s was found shot to death Wednesday afternoon on the West Side. Police responding to a call of gunfire discovered the man, who had been shot in the head, lying on the sidewalk in the 800 block of North Waller Avenue, police said. They called for an ambulance, but the man was pronounced dead at the scene about 4:50 p.m., police said.

SOUTH SIDE

Woman bites cop

A Chicago police officer was bitten Thursday afternoon by a woman during a traffic stop in West Pullman, police said. The incident occurred about 1:15 p.m. in the 11900 block of South Stewart Avenue. The woman bit the officer on an arm, Police Officer John Mirabelli said. No information was immediately available on the reason for the traffic stop or on the woman.

DIGIT

2.6 percent

That's how much Northern Illinois University's undergraduate enrollment this fall is down, to 18,431 students, in the first academic year since a gunman killed five students in a lecture hall.

Jewelry dealer robbed, stabbed

A jewelry dealer from Florida was stabbed and robbed of jewelry and diamonds worth \$1.5 million as he was about to check into a Schiller Park hotel Thursday afternoon, police said.

A professional crew may be behind the heist, which happened around 5:45 p.m. outside a Hampton Inn on Mannheim Road in front of several witnesses, police said.

The 51-year-old dealer, from Wellington, Fla., a town near West Palm Beach, was taken to Lutheran General Hospital, where he was in serious condition and undergoing surgery Thursday, police said.

After a day spent showing his merchan-

dise to jewelers in Chicago's Oak Street-Michigan Avenue area, the dealer drove to Schiller Park, police said.

He parked his car outside the hotel in the 3900 block of North Mannheim Road and began walking toward the entrance with two suitcases containing about \$1 million worth of jewelry and a briefcase with about \$500,000 in diamonds, said Officer Jeffrey Snarski, a police spokesman

The dealer was approached by three or four men who pulled at the luggage without saying a word.

When the dealer "offered a little resistance," one of the men pulled out a knife and began slashing at his wrists, according

to Snarski.

The attackers fled north on Mannheim Avenue in a 1990s-model silver sedan with the license plate obscured, he said.

The man suffered defensive wounds and lost a lot of blood in the attack, police said

Snarski said the dealer told him at the scene that he always watches over his shoulder, never drives a direct route and even checks his car for tracking devices.

The stabber was described as 5-foot-5, 155 pounds, wearing a brown shirt and blue jeans. Anyone with information is asked to call Schiller Park police at 847-678-4794.

Final farewell



In a show of unity and devotion to one of their most prominent leaders, thousands of Muslims gathered Thursday in Villa Park to pay final respects to Imam W. Deen Mohammed. Mohammed, 74, was pronounced dead Tuesday of heart disease and complications from diabetes. Charles REX Arbogast/AP

Michigan Avenue bridge to close

Beginning Thursday night, the Michigan Avenue Bridge will be closed overnight to facilitate construction of a walkway that will connect to the Wacker Drive Riverwalk.

The bridge—upper and lower—will be closed from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. until Sept. 19, weather permitting, according to the Chicago Department of Transportation. The closures are needed to allow crews to install sheet

piling under the bridge to create space needed to build the walkway that will allow pedestrians on the riverwalk to walk under the bridge.

Signs will direct pedestrians to Columbus Drive or Wabash Avenue to cross the river, but Wendella Sightseeing tour boats will provide shuttle service across the river "on an as-needed basis," department officials

Keep your shirts on, boys—school draws the line

When a handful of shirtless, paint-slathered boys appeared at an Oak Forest High School football game last week, Susan Bonner sensed that the delicate line of teenage propriety had been crossed.

Bonner, the school's athletic director, wanted the boys to get dressed, saying it was a matter of consistency: The community wouldn't stand for girls wearing bikini tops or sports bras in the stands, so why should boys be able to dress like they were headed to the beach?

"To me, it's a double standard," she said. "It's just easier if we kept them all clothed."

Oak Forest banned the practice Thursday, providing its answer to a question that has vexed school officials around Chicago and the nation: Where does school spirit end and offensiveness begin?

Some schools have no problem with chest-baring boys or sports bra-wearing girls appearing at football games. Others say it's OK for boys, not for girls. And some say body painting is fine for the sprawl of an outdoor stadium, but not for the confines of a gym.

Students who daub their torsos with school colors have been around for years, but wide-spread concern over the custom has bubbled up only recently. Students leaving campus Thursday rolled their eyes at the administration's decision, calling the sight of paint-covered boys harmless. Even a parent was critical, saying it had become a common spectacle at sporting events.

But Claudia Williams, who was picking up her daughter, was glad to hear of the ban on shirtless fans.

"I think it's inappropriate," she said. "They're just teenagers."

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Afghan onlookers stand over the site of a suicide car bomb attack Thursday in Kandahar. GETTYIMAGES

2008 deadliest year for U.S. in Afghanistan

T KABUL, Afghanistan Militants killed two U.S. soldiers in eastern Afghanistan on the anniversary of 9/11, making 2008 the deadliest year yet for American forces in the country that sheltered Al Qaeda while it plotted the terror attacks on New York and Washington.

The NATO-led force said one soldier was killed when insurgents attacked a compound. The separate U.S.-led coalition said a

second service member died in combat. No other details were released, but a Western military official told The Associated Press that both troops were American.

Thursday's deaths brings to 113 the number of troops who have died in Afghanistan this year, surpassing 2007's record toll of 111.

Afghanistan was the launching pad for Al Qaeda's terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. In response, U.S. forces invaded in

October 2001 and drove the Taliban out of power in a matter of weeks.

At a ceremony in Kabul commemorating the Sept. 11 attacks, Col. Cody Smith said the date is a reminder of the terror experienced by those killed in the U.S. attacks experienced.

"That is what drives me, to fight for freedom all over the world because those people that died were in terror of seeing the fire, of seeing ... their lives being taken from them," Smith said. "We should fight, so that freedom reigns and terror does not."

Osama bin Laden, leader of the Al Qaeda network, is believed to be in the lawless tribal belt on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border.





Palin's son to Iraq

Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin attended a deployment ceremony Thursday in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, for an Army brigade being sent to Iraq later this month. Her son Track is among the soldiers off to the war.

TiVo gets BlackBerry love

TiVo said Thursday that it agreed to provide some aspects of its software services for digital video recorders to users of the BlackBerry wireless devices. The initial phase will enable TiVo subscribers with a BlackBerry to set their DVRs to record shows.

Tackling AIDS crisis

District of Columbia officials are counting on volunteers and others to try to tackle the city's severe AIDS crisis. They are riding through the city's roughest neighborhoods to hand out clean syringes in exchange for dirty ones.



Chavez

Chavez plot?

Venezuela's
President Hugo
Chavez said officials
uncovered a plot to
overthrow him and
detained a group of
alleged conspirators.
Chavez said
Thursday in Caracas

that "various" suspects were detained.

Girl's body found

Police divers searching a river Thursday in Tel Aviv pulled out a red duffel bag holding a small skull, bones and clothes they said probably was the body of a 4-year-old French girl believed killed by her mother's lover—the child's grandfather. The search for Rose Pizem and the tangled tale of her short life have riveted Israel for weeks.



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Kim's brain surgery?

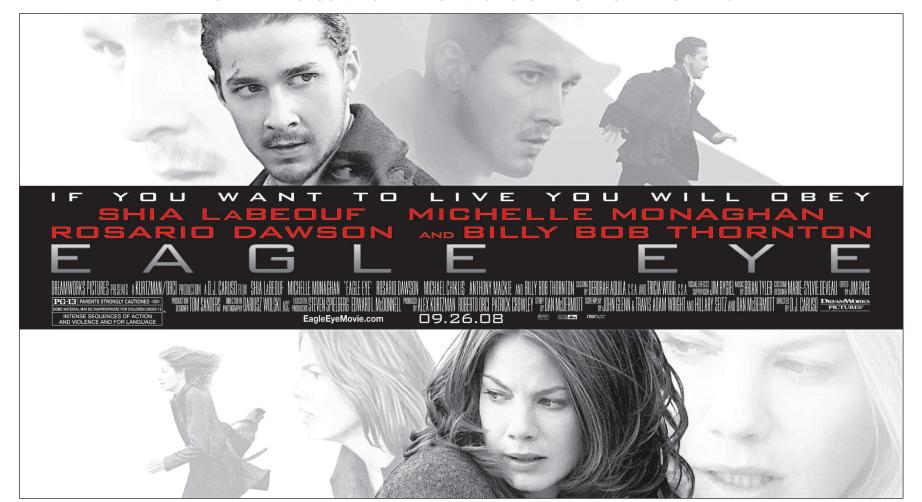
North Korea's Kim Jong II had brain surgery after a stroke last month and could have partial paralysis on one side, media reports in Seoul said

Thursday, after the South Korean government said the communist leader remained in control.



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Ex-Bears receiver Muhsin Muhammad will be a significant subplot as his Carolina Panthers prepare to face the Bears.

"Moose" told Sports Illustrated last month that Chicago "is where receivers go to die." "I wasn't the originator of that comment," Muhammad said this week. "It actually was made when I signed with Chicago."

Regardless of whether he's the author of that criticism, the question is, is Chicago's rap as a receiver's graveyard deserved? Muhammad dropped from 1,405 yards in Carolina in 2004 to a Bears high of 863 in 2006. Take a look at other receivers who've faltered or flourished, then decide on your own.



Justin Gage

Had just four catches in his last season with Chicago but improved to 55 catches last year in Tennessee



Bernard Berrian

Caught 71 passes for 951 yards in a career year last season, helping lure a 6-year \$42 million contract from Minnesota



David Terrell

Uh, let's not go there.



Bobby Wade

Had his second-highest reception total in his second year with the Bears. He's now

Minnesota's most reliable possession guys.



Marty Booker

Question: Where else has Booker made 100 catches in a season or topped 1,000 yards twice? Answer: Nowhere.



In the 'lina fire

Written off before the season began, Bears-Panthers game now a feature event

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE When the NFL schedule came out, Chicago at Carolina appeared almost certain to match teams desperate to avoid

Coming off 7-9 seasons, the Panthers and Bears had retooled rosters, numerous unanswered questions and faced seemingly impossible Week 1 road games against elite AFC teams.

Then the Panthers, playing without suspended star receiver Steve Smith, stunned San Diego with a touchdown on the final play. Their reign as the NFC's biggest surprise winner lasted all of four hours, until the Bears, behind a rookie running back and a dominant defense, finished a thorough dismantling of Indianapo-

Now instead of just being a game featuring a couple of ex-Bears

looking to settle scores against their former team, Sunday's game is suddenly a marquee matchup of two possibly emerging teams with plenty of confidence that they'll be factors in an unsettled NFC.

"When you are the big underdogs I guess it gets people's attention when you are able to win," Chicago coach Lovie Smith said. "Similar to the Panthers, I think they were a 9-point underdog also. You have to get to that first game and then you can see exactly what you're dealing with."

But Carolina quarterback Jake Delhomme realizes the Panthers face a tough test too.

"We all know it was a big win (in San Diego)," Delhomme said. "But I think that enthusiasm gets tempered a little bit when you see what Chicago did Sunday night and watch them on film. They looked the part, they really did."



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PANTHERS BY THE NUMBERS

The Panthers have lost four straight home openers.

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Carolina's home record under coach John Fox

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Muhsin Muhammad needs 10 yards to reach 10,000 receiving in his career.

Mirror images?

The Bears and Panthers are more alike than different. REDEYE, AP

Style

Both teams believe they've returned to the defense-first, bruising, ball-control style missing last year. "We look a lot like them," Bears coach Lovie Smith said.

Old receivers new again

The Panthers' Muhsin Muhammad and the Bears' Marty Booker have something in common, even if they've never played together--they returned to their original teams this season.

Not very safe-ty

The Bears and Panthers also have shared defensive backs recently. Ricky Manning joined the Bears in 2006 after three seasons in Carolina, but landed in St. Louis this offseason after the Bears cut him. Chris Harris was jettisoned from Chicago last year for a fifth-round draft pick, but led the NFL with eight forced fumbles last season and ripped the ball away from Antonio Gates on Sunday. "I think I've already proved them wrong," Harris said of the Bears.

Rookie running backs

Both teams picked up bruising power runners who possess a bit of speed. The Bears' Matt Forte rushed for 123 yards, including a 50-yard touchdown, in his NFL debut Sunday. Behind an overhauled offensive line, Panthers rookie Jonathan Stewart and veteran DeAngelo Williams combined for 139 yards on 28 carries against the Chargers.

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The Cubs are imploding.

It's bad enough Rich Harden
has a sore arm. By the way, I think this
guy had surgery on his arm a few years
ago. The doctors installed glass plates in
order to increase brittleness.

It looks like someone posted this memo in the locker room: "Guys, pitching looks shorthanded; we're all a little tired. ... We've got a decent lead over Milwaukee, lets take September off." I can't say it any better than Lou Piniella himself. Go kick somebody's butt. I've been wanting to say that for years, and he did it for me.

The Sox need to go kick somebody's butt too. Watching these guys play ... I don't know. These guys are so wounded and battered right now; I think the final game against the Twins is going to resemble the final scene in "Saving Private Ryan" where Tom Hanks is shooting at a tank with a pistol.

By the way, I've aged 20 years in the last month. Just once, I'd like to see one of these teams finish with no drama. Instead, it's always like this.

Hey, when I'm wrong, I'm wrong. Bears, I was wrong. You took Lou's advice and kicked someone's butt.

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Whizzer's baaaaaack!

OK, folks, I got so busy handicapping the Bears' season last week that I didn't give you the rest of the NFL's picks. Or maybe I didn't want to get called out: "Whizzer, why didn't you tell us about Tom Brady?" No matter, here are Week 2's picks.

Game, time, TV	The spread	The pick
BEARS AT CAROLINA noon, Fox, WBBM-AM 780	Panthers by 3	Bears
Indianapolis at Minnesota, noon, CBS	Colts by 2	Colts
Green Bay at Detroit, noon	Packers by 3	Packers
N.Y. Giants at St. Louis, noon	Giants by 81/2	Giants
Oakland at Kansas City, noon	Chiefs by 31/2	Chiefs
New Orleans at Washington, noon	Off	Saints
Tennessee at Cincinnati, noon	Bengals by 1	Bengals
Buffalo at Jacksonville, noon	Jaguars by 51/2	Bills
San Francisco at Seattle, 3:05	Seahawks by 7	Seahawks
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 3:05	Bucs by 7	Falcons
New England at N.Y. Jets, 3:15 p.m., CBS	Jets by 1½	Jets
Miami at Arizona, 3:15	Cardinals by 61/2	Cardinals
San Diego at Denver, 3:15	Chargers by 11/2	Chargers
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 7:15 p.m., NBC	Steelers by 6	Steelers
Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., Mon., ESPN	Cowboys by 7	Eagles
Baltimore at Houston, 7:30, Mon.	Texans by 41/2	Ravens

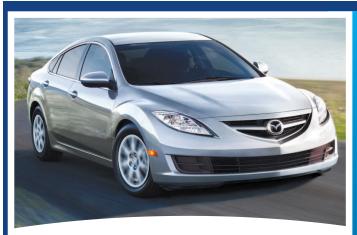
WeatherMark 1503 S. Michigan Ave. September 14th 2PM Grand Central
950 W. Wrightwood Ave.
September 19th 9-10PM

Kasey's 701 S. Dearbourn St. September 18th 9PM



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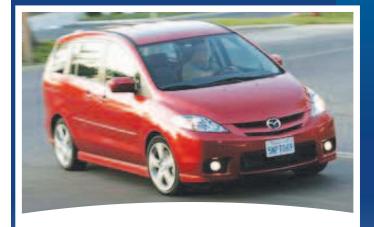


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TOPIC

How will you get Bears fans riled up about the Carolina Panthers?

Unranked Michigan faces unranked Notre Dame. Is this still a rivalry?

Penguins star Sidney

season tickets. Come up with a

What makes Ashton

Kutcher qualified to help

Hawks promotion.

What makes it extreme?

coach prep football?

Crosby hand-delivered

The Storm's Xtreme Soccer

League debuts next week.

Sure it is—if they suck equally.

Give 'em a beer. It doesn't

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take much.

Hand-deliver season tickets to the Cubs. Bears or Sox. Anything but the Hawks.

the name to sell more tickets.

Nothing. They tacked that on

Compared to Demi, he's

practically in high school

Where's My Car?"

THAT GUY

fat?

exit the train.

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Grossman will not be playing.

Charlie Weis, why are you so

Body-check "L" riders as they

The level of public disinterest.

Remind them that Rex

His Oscar-worthy performance in "Dude,

JIMMY GREENFIELD jgreenfield@tribune.com

Convince them all the players are named Cedric Benson.

Yes, but only in women's lacrosse.

Hand-deliver Sidney Crosby to the Blackhawks.

All the soccer balls are made of living human heads.

He was once the mayor of Wasilla, Alaska.

LEO EBERSOLE

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Is it tacky to bust out the "Jake is my Del-homie" shirt?

You just watch. One of these kids will be a long-snapper in the CFL someday.

I defer to Jimmy on this one.

Everyone will be paid extremely little for his efforts.

That Kabbalah bracelet actually has the Madden playbook written on it.



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Peanut & Co. show Moose where WRs really go to diethe Bears secondary.

Magneto has a bigger rivalry with the Wolverines than the Golden Domers

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He knows how to deal with the mothers of the teenagers.





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HOMETOWN HITS



BLUE JAYS 6, WHITE SOX 4

The White Sox missed a chance Thursday night to expand their lead in the AL Central. Not

even seven shutout innings from Gavin Floyd were good enough as the Jays broke out with a six-run eighth inning off Floyd and relievers Matt Thornton and Ehren Wassermann. The Sox countered with four runs in the eighth, keyed by Jim Thome's two-run homer, but Toronto held on.

• Frustrated by his latest bout with a sore back, 3B Joe Crede will seek a second opinion.

NEXT SERIES

vs. Detroit

Friday: 7:11 p.m., CSN. RH Justin Verlander vs. LH John Danks

Saturday: 2:55 p.m., Fox. LH Kenny Rogers vs. RH Javier Vazquez

Sunday: 7:05 p.m., ESPN. RH Zach Miner vs. undecided



CUBS 3, CARDINALS 2

Rich Harden worked six solid innings in a 3-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday

night. Ryan Theriot, Derrek Lee and Mike Fontenot had RBI for the Cubs, who lead Milwaukee in the NL Central by $5^{1/2}$ games with 16 to play after taking two of three with two one-run decisions.

The first two games of this weekend's series between the Cubs and Houston Astros have been postponed because of the potential impact of Hurricane Ike.



UP NEXT

vs. New York Friday: 7:30 p.m., WVON (1690-AM)

Game of the Century—again

They've played 21 times, beginning in 1937. But they last met in 1990. From 1968 to '84, they squared off in six Rose Bowls. In three of those, one team was ranked No. 1. In four, both were in the Top 5 (in three, each was among the Top 3). Three times, the winner claimed a national title. In the other, it cost the loser a ring.

This month's Game of the Century has old-school roots.

Ohio State-Southern Cal. Prime time, network TV (7 p.m. Saturday, ABC), from the L.A. Coliseum. Can it get much larger? Particularly for the third week of the season. These programs have made it to five of the last six BCS finals (yet never against each other).

Did we mention that the Trojans have won the last five matchups since the 1973 Rose Bowl?

They've been one of the two most prominent programs of the century, with Louisiana State. Now, the Trojans sit atop the polls, once again, while the Buckeyes lurk four rungs back.

The survivor can continue thinking about a trip to south Florida for the final game on Jan. 8.

The Buckeyes, who haven't dropped a road game in 35 months, didn't look too worthy against Ohio without Beanie Wells. Whether his injured ankle will be well enough to make a difference, only Jim Tressel knows for sure.

As for the Trojans, a lot of folks thought they were the best team at the end of last season. Except for that not-so-minor



GAMES TO CATCH

Friday

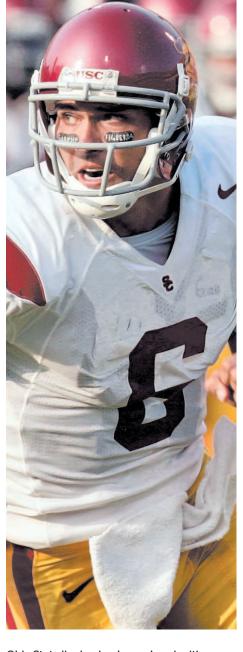
No. 13 Kansas at No. 19 South Florida, 7 p.m., ESPN2

Saturday

- » Louisiana-Lafayette at Illinois, 11 a.m., Big Ten Network (check listings)
- » Southern Illinois at Northwestern, 11 a.m., Big Ten Network (check listings)
- » Iowa State at Iowa, 11 a.m., Big Ten Network (check listings)
- » Michigan at Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m., NBC
- » No. 16 Oregon at Purdue, 2:30 p.m., ABC
- » No. 10 Wisconsin at No. 21 Fresno State, 9:30 p.m., ESPN2

matter of losing at home to Stanford, which carried no statute of limitations.

USC hasn't lost to a non-conference opponent at home since Sept. 8, 2001 (10-6, to Kansas State), which was Pete Carroll's second game.



Ohio State linebacker James Laurinaitis (top left) and Southern California quarterback Mark Sanchez (above) will go head-tohead on Saturday. AP PHOTOS

BUZZER BEATERS

Madden a big hit

EA Sports announced Tuesday it has grossed \$133.5 million in retail sales from Madden NFL O9 since its Aug. 12 release. "Madden NFL O9 was the top-selling game of the month, and launched with 2.3 million units out of retail doors in its first month, besting last year's (Madden NFL O8) title by 2 percent," NPD's Anita Frazier told USA Today.

Armstrong gets a tuneup

Lance Armstrong won the Aspen Cycling Club's 10-mile Smuggler-Hunter Creek mountain bike race Wednesday, one day after announcing his return to the Tour de France. He finished in 57:10, 14 seconds ahead of the second-place rider.

Sapp: Meyer a 'dirtbag'

Ex-Hurricanes star Warren Sapp still can't get over Florida's field goal in the last minute of the 26-3 win over Miami on Saturday, calling Urban Meyer a "classless dirtbag" for the move on Showtime's Inside the NFL teleconference.



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PARTY PICKS

On the block

Tune in to live music at the **Q101 Block Party**. Nearly 25 alt-rockers perform on two stages, including New York City punk-electronica band Mindless Self Indulgence, Canadian rockers Theory of a Dead Man and local pop-punk band The Audition (Saturday); and punk rockers Pennywise, metal band Atreyu and Chicago

alt-rockers Absentstar (Sunday). Food and beer vendors are on hand. Noon. \$27.50-\$30. Western Avenue and Roscoe Street. 312-527-8348. Tickets: **q101.com/blockparty08**

Voodoo dolls

Get **Possessed** by fashion at a voodoo-themed show as models showcase fall clothing and kicks for men and women from Akira and Chinese Laundry. Hip-hop duo He Say, She Say, new wave group Brilliant Pebbles and marching band Black Bear Combo accompany the catwalkers; Aloft Aerial Dance dazzles with acrobatics. VIP seats include cocktails, eats and balcony access. Advance purchase recommended. 7 p.m. Sunday. \$15-\$50. House of Blues. 329 N. Dearborn St. 847-727-5867. Tickets: akirachicago.com



BEST OF THE REST

You're fired

Hot for grilled food? The third annual **Andersonville Music and BBQ Festival 2008** is your ticket. Eat pulled pork, brisket, burgers and more from Charlie's Ale House and Merle's #1 Barbecue while nodding your head to rockers Ezra Furman and the Harpoons, country-rockers The Delafields and other acts. Beer and wine vendors help wash it all down. Noon Saturday. \$5. Ashland Avenue and Gregory Street. 773-714-1542.

Garage rock

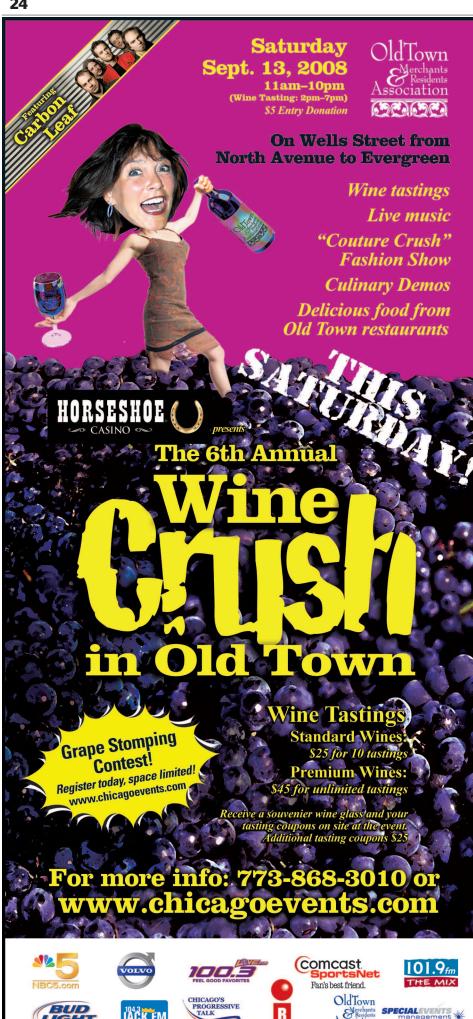
Performance art gets a twist at **Convergence**, a mashup of modern dance, design and fashion that aims to explore the relationship between movement and architecture in a gigantic vacant garage. Dance troupe The Seldoms, architect Joel Huffman and designers Peter Gogarty and Lara Miller dreamed up the multidisciplinary, site-specific spectacle. 7 p.m. Friday; 8:30 p.m. Saturday. \$20. 2300 S. Archer Ave. 312-328-0303.

Crush on vino

The Wine Crush in Old Town is sure to make lovers of the vine blush. From 2-7 p.m., a fee of \$25-\$45 includes samples from a collection of more than 100 global vintages. The sixth annual fest also features a grapestomping contest (2 p.m.), fashion shows (2 and 4 p.m.), chef demos and food from Dinotto Ristorante, Fireplace Inn and others. 11 a.m. Saturday. \$5 gate donation. Wells Street between North and Evergreen Avenues. 773-868-3010.

We heart art

Looking to upgrade your bare walls or test the capacity of your jewelry box? Two art fairs offer plenty of shopping ops. Option one: The Lakeview East Fine Art Festival showcases more than 140 juried artists along Broadway between Belmont Avenue and Roscoe Street. 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Free. 773-348-8608. Option two: The 11th annual Lincoln Park Art Faire features handmade works and an open-air studio where you can create your own project. 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Free. Lincoln Park West from Dickens Avenue to Clark Street. 312-742-7726.





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\$5.50 Effen cocktails; 3220 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-348-6088.

GALWAY ARMS

\$15 draft pitchers, \$15 strawberry lemonade vodka pitchers, beerof-the-month specials; 2442 N. Clark St. 773-472-5555.

GASLIGHT BAR AND GRILLE

\$3 SoCo Lime shots, \$15 Miller Lite buckets; 2426 N. Racine Ave. 773-929-7759.

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\$3 drafts, \$5 martinis and bombs; 2512 N. Halsted St. 773-296-9700.

HALSTED'S

\$5 cocktails, \$12 Bud Light and Miller Lite pitchers; 3441 N.

Halsted St. 773-348-9696.

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Mary's Punch cocktails; 5400 N. Clark St. 773-784-6969.

HAWKEYE'S

\$4 Blue Moon drafts, \$6 Absolut martinis, \$13 Miller Lite buckets: 1458 W. Taylor St. 312-226-3951.

HOUNDSTOOTH SALOON

\$3 domestic pints, \$5 bombs and Red Bull vodkas; 3438 N. Clark St. 773-244-1166

KIRKWOOD BAR & GRILL

\$5 Absolut cocktails; 2934 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-770-0700.

LIAR'S CLUB

\$2.50 Pabst pints; 1665 W. Fullerton Ave. 773 665-1110.

THE MARTINI BAR

\$5 bombs; 401 S. LaSalle St. 312-377-6111.

O'DONOVAN'S

\$4 Dos Equis drafts and Abita Purple Haze bottles, \$5 glasses of sangria; 2100 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-478-2100.

THE ORBIT ROOM

\$4 Beamish drafts, \$9 fish and chips dinner; 2959 N. California Ave. 773-588-8540.

PADDY LONG'S

\$3 SoCo Lime cocktails, \$4 Captain Morgan and Coke cocktails, \$11.95

all-you-can-eat fish and chips; 1028 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-290-6988.

POAG MAHONE'S

\$3 Miller Lite pints, \$3.25 gin and tonics; 333 S. Wells St. 312-566-9100.

RISQUE CAFE

\$1 Hamm's cans; 3419 N. Clark St. 773-525-7711.

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\$14 Stoli pink lemonade pitchers, \$13-\$15 beer pitchers; 3356 N. Halsted St. 773-281-3355

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\$5 Long Island iced teas, \$5 specialty martinis, half-price appetizers (4-7 p.m.), free food buffet (11 p.m.); 1935 N. Sedgwick St. 312-337-7900.

THE SPOT

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\$2.95 appetizers 3-6 p.m.; 935 W. Webster Ave. 773-975-8030.

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\$5 Ketel One cocktails, \$5 Maker's Mark manhattans; 3328 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-935-6391.

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\$3 rum, gin and vodka well drinks, \$3 SoCo Lime shots; 2447 N. Halsted St. 773-248-8400.

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\$4 po' boy sandwiches (11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.), \$3 Heineken, Heineken Lite and Amstel Light bottles, \$5 bombs; 3857 N. Southport Ave. 773-935-1919.

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\$5 Absolut martinis, Long Island iced teas and Sauza margaritas, \$8 fish and chips; 228 S. Racine Ave. 312-243-9002.

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\$3 Kilo Kai cocktails, \$3 Coors and Coors Light bottles, \$5 40-ounce King Cobra bottles, \$5 O bombs; 2610 N. Halsted St. 773-348-5600

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\$3 PBR drafts, \$3 hot dogs; 1233 S. Wabash Ave. 312-360-9488.

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A fairy-tale Journey

Band goes to YouTube for new lead singer, rides pop culture wave

The Detroit News

If YouTube is meant to be a place where worker drones kill time while on the job by watching movie trailers and videos of people doing stupid things, nobody bothered telling that to the members of rock group Journey.

So while you were watching the video of Miss Teen South Carolina explain why more people can't locate the U.S. on the map, Journey guitarist Neal Schon was trolling the site for a new singer after the June 2007 departure of Jeff Scott Soto.

What he found—among the many tribute videos of fan wannabes singing Journey classics such as "Faithfully," "Separate Ways" and, of course, "Don't Stop Believin"—were several videos of Filipino singer Arnel Pineda belting out Journey tunes with his band, the Zoo. Pineda's bigvocal stylings were eerily similar to those of Steve Perry, the Journey singer who led the band through its most popular period in the early and mid-1980s.

Six weeks later, Pineda flew to the States to audition for Journey, and they liked what they heard. Pineda was named the band's new lead singer in December, and

Journey

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he played his first show with the band in February in Chile.

Now Pineda is set to make his Chicago debut with Journey on

Journey keyboardist Jonathan Cain says Pineda is the real deal, and that Journeywhich released a new album,

"Revelation," in June—has more momentum now than in years past.



"Musically, we've gelled," Cain says. "It's

cool because when we first started out in 1998, it was like Journey without Steve Perry was not even plausible. And now, anything's possible. That's the way we look at it."

The band has been fueled by a flood of pop-culture

references, and their signature tune "Don't Stop Believin' "has sold more than 1.8 million digital downloads, making it the No. I most downloaded track recorded in the pre-Napster era.

Why has Journey struck a chord, and why does the band continue to resonate with audiences?

"I just think it's because we stuck to our guns," Cain says. "Journey was always user-friendly, and it wasn't a band that your parents hated. ...

"Everybody knows a Journey song when they hear one."

Luke Savers

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Pop culture is believin'

In music, movies and on TV, it seems like Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" is everywhere you look. THE DETROIT NEWS

Kanye West: The brash Chicago rapper played "Don't Stop Believin'" during his 2008 Glow in the Dark tour.

'Laguna Beach': In a 2005 episode of the MTV series, Stephen Coletti was seen playing "Don't Stop Believin'" in his car.

White Sox: The Sox adopted "Don't Stop Believin' " as their anthem during their run to the World Series championship. At the parade celebrating the team's title, former Journey singer Steve Perry showed up to sing the song a cappella.

'The Sopranos': In the Mother of All Pop Culture Placements, "Don't Stop Believin" scored the legendary last scene of "The Sopranos." "We knew about it two and a half weeks beforehand," Journey keyboardist Jonathan Cain says. "You look for momentum, signs that momentum is going your way, and that was a big, giant boost for us. I think that's the single biggest thing that's ever happened



'Serenade' to the city

Chicago Tribune

Since moving to Chicago this past March, Luke Sayers, who spent the last 10 years living and working in Detroit, has found fresh inspiration in his new environs. "I remember one afternoon in particular," he says. "It was April, so it was still cold, and I sat on the

North Side lake shore looking at the skyline."

The setting became the inspiration for "Second City Serenade," a love letter to his newfound home.

Sayers, now in his early 30s, has fully embraced his new home and its supportive art scene—a welcome change of pace from his time in Detroit.

"It definitely gave me a thick skin," admits Sayers. "I played to lots of unappreciative

> audiences, but I learned to carry myself the same in every situation."

> Sayers' songs such as "Delaying Disaster" and "The Letter" (both streaming at myspace. com/lukesayers) amble along on

the singer's comforting voice and delicate strumming.

Sayers, who majored in jazz and composi-

tion at Western Michigan, admits to being afflicted with "musical ADD." He started off playing drums in the high school band before progressing to upright bass (an instrument he still plays on occasion with local outfit JT and the Clouds). He finally picked up a guitar after college as an outlet for his songwriting, though it never came naturally to him.

"I worked hard at it," Sayers says. "I didn't want there to be any barrier between what I could do with my hands and the music I heard in my head."

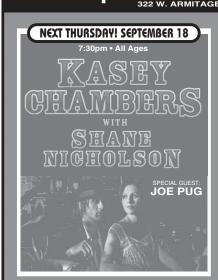
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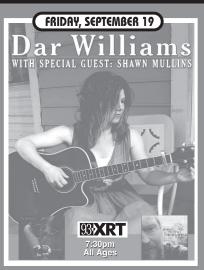
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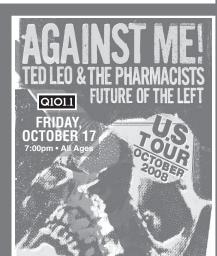


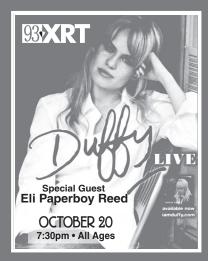
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On sale noon **Friday**

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Dumb & Pitt, Clooney dumb down for Coens' 'Burn'

Associated Press

TORONTO Joel and Ethan Coen know their idiots.

They've written every sort of bonehead, nitwit and lamebrain imaginable in both comic and tragic form in such films as "Raising Arizona," "Fargo" and "The Big Lebowski."

Yet they may have topped themselves for siring simpletons with the dark comedy "Burn After Reading," which stars usual Coen collaborators George Clooney, Frances McDormand and Richard Jenkins and new pals Brad Pitt, John Malkovich and Tilda Swinton.

In the film, opening Friday, this bunch blunders its way through the motions of a spy game touched off by a missing computer disk with some modestly sensitive CIA secrets. It's a farcical about-face from the Coens' "No Country for Old Men," which earned the brothers Oscars this year for best picture, director and adapted screenplay.

"Burn" is Pitt's first time working with the Coens.

"I've been knocking on the brothers' door for a few years, so I was really happy when they called," Pitt said at a news conference this week during the Toronto International Film Festival. "I was a little upset," Pitt added, laughing, when he read the script and realized his character is a fool. "We think of Brad as an actor opposed to a movie star, and we thought it would be interesting to see him play someone like this," Joel Coen said. They got to know Pitt several years ago when they hoped to make him the star of a film that didn't get made. Any chance of still making it? "No," Ethan said, "because Brad is too old."

The Coens wrote Pitt's part with him in

mind, as they did most of the other actors with their names above the title, including Clooney, who has played a Coen brothers idiot twice before—in "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" and "Intolerable Cruelty."

The Coens are a little hazy on the order in which they came up with the film's strange confluence of Washington's intelligence community and the world of fitness, but Joel Coen says an early idea was casting Malkovich as a CIA analyst who loses his job.

From there, they thought about how to cross his path with ordinary citizens in Washington and came up with the notion of McDormand, Joel Coen's wife, as a gym worker obsessed with reinventing herself by plastic surgery.

Pitt's character became McDormand's

Bromance through the years

They've starred in movies and gone gallivanting together. It seems that Brad and George just can't quit each other.







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chuckle-headed co-worker and ally, Jenkins the moon-eyed boss smitten with her, Clooney a federal marshal and sex hound sleeping with Swinton, who's Malkovich's ice queen of a wife.

To quote Clooney in "O Brother," the whole ounch is "just dumber than a bag of hammers."

A disk containing CIA material Malkovich's character is using to write his memoirs falls into the hands of Pitt and McDormand, who set out to blackmail him with all the panache of the Keystone Kops.

"The dynamic in this movie, for instance, between Fran and Brad, we can compare to like a Laurel and Hardy movie, where both characters are really idiots, but by common consent between the two of them, one of them has decided that the other one is smarter. There's a little of that in 'O Brother,' " Joel Coen said. "So that how people perceive who the alpha leader is or the smarter one is,

that can be very funny or interesting to

Clooney, whom Joel Coen says shares the brothers' "puerile sense of humor," had to endure a patented Coen brothers bizarro scene in the film. His character is set to work at a secret project in the basement building an intricate sex apparatus as a gift for his wife.

Joel Coen said the sex machine had two inspirations: A contraption he once saw made by a movie grip and another displayed at the Museum of Sex in New York City. The Coens offered to take Clooney to the museum to show him the device.

"George said, 'That's all I need is to be seen coming out of the Museum of Sex with you guys," Joel Coen said.

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE CONTRIBUTED.



Forget Bradgelina. Brad Pitt and George Clooney-or Brooney-make up Hollywood's hottest pair. "Burn After Reading," opening Friday, marks the fifth time the good friends have worked together on a film. One thing's for sure—whenever Clooney and Pitt get together, good times are not far behind.

JOHN HAMMERLE, REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

FRIENDS FOREVER?

Though it may seem like they're longtime pals, they met for the first time before shooting 2001's "Ocean's Eleven."

PITT: Clooney auditioned five times for the role of J.D. in 1991's "Thelma & Louise," only to lose the part to Pitt.

CLOONEY: Oscar winner Clooney (best supporting actor for 2005's "Syriana") is known to lord his big win over the Oscar-less Pitt-in a totally good-natured way, of course.

SEXIEST MAN ALIVE

People Magazine has twice bestowed the title on each of them.

PITT: Pitt congratulated Clooney in 2006 by taking out full-page ads in Variety and The Hollywood Reporter featuring a photo of Clooney





Clooney appeared on David Letterman's show with photos of Pitt wearing tapered pants and a green beret.

MERRY PRANKSTERS

Clooney and Pitt take a perverse delight in mocking their own celebrity and the intense media

scrutiny that their stardom creates. PITT: Before filming began on "Ocean's Twelve," Pitt asked the crew to only address Clooney as

"Mr. Ocean" or "Danny Ocean." **CLOONEY:** He retaliated by putting bumper stickers on the back of Pitt's car that read "I'm

gay and I vote" and "Small penis on board."

MESSING WITH MEDIA

While promoting "Burn After Reading" at the 65th Venice Film Festival, Clooney was asked if he has any plans to settle down and have kids. **CLOONEY:** "I am so surprised to hear that question. That is honestly the first time I've ever been asked that question. I am getting married and having children today. Brad?" PITT: "And until then I'll be sharing mine with

him. I'll have two more by next year."



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Sanaa professes love for Chicago

By Miki Turner

FOR REDEYE

Some people who visit Chicago rave about the deep-dish pizza, the hot dogs, the shopping on Michigan Avenue or the fun that can be had at Navy Pier.

Sanaa Lathan loves the Windy City for other reasons: the Bears and Garrett's pop-

The L.A.-based actress has been dating Bears defensive end Adewale "Wale" Ogunleye for the past two years, and she can't wait to get off the plane at O'Hare so she can grab Garrett's cheese/caramel popcorn.

"It's ridiculous," Lathan told RedEye during an exclusive interview at L.A.'s Four Seasons.

There to discuss her role in Tyler Perry's "The Family That Preys," which opens Friday, Lathan kept bringing up her mad love for Garrett's. "You have to get some."

Largely known for her roles as the sweet, yet temporarily confused girlfriend opposite such leading men as Taye Diggs, Simon Baker and Omar Epps, in "The Family That Preys" Lathan plays

Andrea, a wicked, driven and self-centered newlywed who's having an affair with her married boss (Cole Hauser).

She's never had so much fun.

"It was great," she said. "The fun of acting is to be able to stretch and do things I haven't done in the past. So when I read this, I thought, 'Why not?' It was fun. And [Perry] pushed me; he made me meaner! I was like, 'People are going to hate me!'

"But I can guarantee you that in the scene in which Andrea gets slapped people will cheer."

The film stars Rockmond Dunbar as Lathan's gullible husband, Robin Givens as her other boss, Taraji P. Henson as her sister, Kathy Bates as Hauser's mother, Perry as her brother-in-law and Alfre Woodard as her mother and Bates' best friend.

"Preys" marks the second time Lathan has worked with Henson, who played one of her girlfriends in "Something New." As sisters in "Preys," the two have a contentious relationship that Henson found fun to play.

"It was juicy. I loved it," Henson said. "Sanaa is great. I had always wanted to work with her anyway on a bigger scale than 'Something New.' And this was a great opportunity to do that. I have always

> admired her work. She's one that I really look up to. I fly by the seat of my pants and so does she."

Currently, Lathan, who will turn 37 next week, is voicing the character of Dorothy on the Fox animated comedy "The Cleveland Show." Her next feature release will be "Wonderful World," which currently is screening at film festivals. She plays Matthew Broderick's love interest.

But now that football season has begun, Lathan will be spending more time in Chicago with Ogunleye.

"Everything revolves around food," Lathan said. "We love to eat at Gibson's."

"The Iron Chef" fan also likes to eat in. She enjoys whipping up some gourmet fare for Ogunleye at his home near Soldier Field.

"When I go to Chicago it's kind of nice," she said. "I just become Susie Homemaker, the nice little housewife."

On Sundays and the occasional Monday, however, Lathan evolves into a big, bad Bears fan. Although she admitted she didn't know much about the game before hooking up with Ogunleye, she's into the sport now.

"I had to read 'Football for Dummies,' " she said. "I really did, and it really helped me. I had too much ADD when people would try to explain it to me. I had no interest in the game, and then I read the book and now I'll watch it by myself. I'll watch games that he's not in."



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SANAA LATHAN

On her love of whipping up food for her boyfriend, Bears defensive end Adewale Ogunleye



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Tyler Perry's "The Family That Preys" is the only one of his films to star an interracial cast. Perry cast a pair of powerhouse actresses as the leads-Kathy Bates, who is white, and Alfre Woodard, who is black. Perry said that he didn't cast the Bates or the other white actors in the cast with the thought of wooing white viewers. "Of course I want to reach as many people as possible," he said. "But this film isn't an attempt to appeal to a broader audience; it's just the story I wanted to tell at this time." THE BALTIMORE SUN





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Quick picks



A Girl Cut in Two

Who's in it: Ludivine Sagnier, Francois Berland, Benoit Magimel

What it's about: An innocent girl (Sagnier) is caught between a jaded older lover (Berland) and a rich but unstable young suitor (Magimel, who steals the film).

Worth watching? "Stellar acting and a fine script turn this tabloid-style saga into a classy, sophisticated drama." RAFER GUZMAN, NEWSDAY



The Women (PG-13)

Who's in it: Meg Ryan, Eva Mendes, Annette Bening, Debra Messing, Jada Pinkett Smith, Debi Mazar, Bette Midler, Candice Bergen, Cloris Leachman

What it's about: A wealthy Connecticut wife (Ryan) learns that her husband is having an affair with a perfume girl (Mendes), so her friends rally around her for support.

Worth watching? "With her remake of George Cukor's 1939 cat fight 'The Women,' [writer/director] Diane English has applied all the lighthearted instincts of her sitcom background and seemingly none of the insights of the source material." CHRISTY LEMIRE, AP

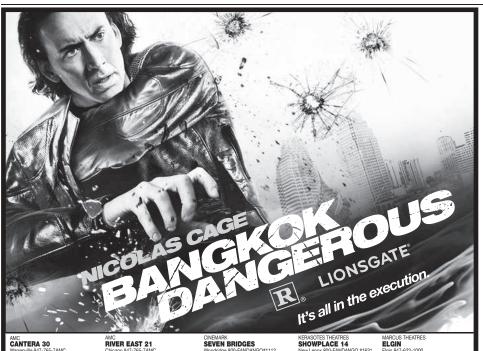
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What it's about: A poor young man (Venkatesh Chavan) hides in a tree atop a hill near the backyard of a wealthy man's home in Panjim, Goa, along India's west coast. For the illiterate 18-year-old, gazing at the water becomes a symbol of attainment, freedom, escape. From this premise, Milwaukee-based filmmaker Chris Smith relays a simple, optimistic slice of life. Opens Friday at Landmark's Century Centre Cinema. MICHAEL PHILLIPS, CHICAGO TRIBUNE



What it's about: "Santouri the Music Man" is a harrowing account of a greatly gifted musician's (Bahram Radan) slide into heroin addiction. Opening Friday at Facets Cinematheque. KEVIN THOMAS, L.A. TIMES



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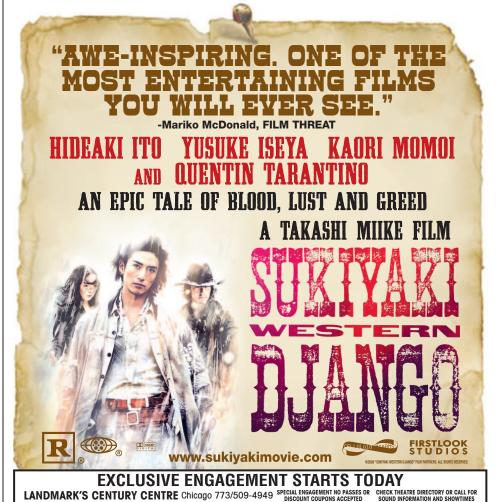
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East meets West in 'Django'

A lone gunman (Hideaki Ito) with a painful past strolls into a small town, where two rival gangs (the white clan, Genji, and the red, Heike) quickly try to woo him to their side. Naturally this results in a lot of bloodshed, backstabbing and a few interludes featuring Quentin Tarantino.

Big question: Can famed Japanese director/co-writer Takashi Miike ("Audition") pull off this English-language blend of

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samurai movie and Western?

Catch it: It's no more of a date movie than "Kill Bill: Vol. 1," and Miike's taste for boldly violent and darkly comic action redeems an uncomfortable genre combo.

Skip it: If you shudder at Tarantino's knack for putting kids in tragic circumstances, such as

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witnessing their parents' deaths. **Bottom line:** At all times "Sukiyaki" seems like a stunt—most of the actors' English couldn't be worse—and the traditional story will have your mind wandering. But the wacky, grisly execution sure isn't stuff you see every day. If you've seen what Hollywood's been dishing out in recent weeks, this fresh take on the Western should be more than enough to sustain your attention.

Righteous Kill (R)

NYPD officers Turk (Robert De Niro) and Rooster (Al Pacino) investigate the vigilante killings of suspected criminals while fellow officers (John Leguizamo, Donnie Wahlberg) think the killer is a cop. Because we see video footage of Turk confessing to the murders and he acts suspiciously, either "Righteous Kill" gives away the ending



at the beginning or there's a silly twist waiting for us down the road. Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson co-stars as a drug dealer.

Big question: Can two legendary actors deliver a better cop drama than Pacino's last collaboration with director Jon Avnet, the awful "88 Minutes"?

Skip it: Pacino and De Niro look totally spent, and watching "Righteous Kill" will likewise make a long day feel even more endless. **Bottom line:** "Righteous Kill" is as dreary as hell. But it does allow Pacino and De Niro

another chance to appear together—on a list of

the year's 20 worst movies.

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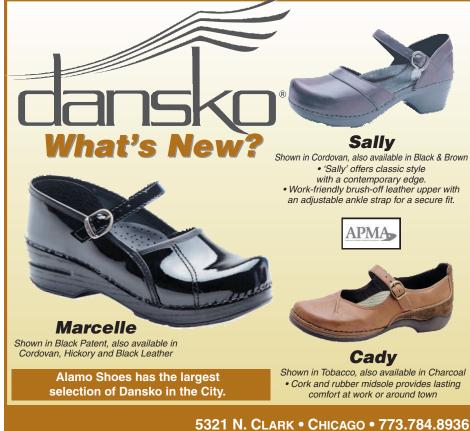
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Annette Bening, Jada Pinkett Smith and Debra Messing (from left) star in "The Women," directed by Diane English.

Females on film

Los Angeles Daily News

There are many reasons why it's taken so long to remake "The Women."

For one: Institutional Hollywood sexism.

And another: Have you looked at the 1939, all-female movie lately? Or read Clare Boothe Luce's arch, backbiting, it's-all-about-the-men source play from three years earlier? Women

don't talk—or, for the most part, act—like that anymore. You can't just faithfully transfer it to a contemporary setting.

So maybe it was a blessing that the remake's original backers got cold feet in the '90s and its starry cast dispersed for other projects (of the original intended players, only Meg Ryan (right) and Candice Bergen finally made it to the screen). That gave adapter-director Diane English time to

give the characters 21st Century personalities.

"It was definitely very challenging because the old movie is a kind of cult classic," English said. "But I don't think you remake a movie unless you have something new to say. Seventy years have passed, and I thought, 'Boy, a lot has happened to women since then.'"

Ryan and Annette Bening play longtime best friends Mary and Sylvie. Although their trust isn't tested when the latter learns that the former's husband is having an affair with Crystal (Eva Mendes), a perfume counter girl at Saks Fifth Avenue, it is severely damaged after Sylvie reluctantly does something to save her magazine editing job.

"It was fun to play a businesswoman who wasn't a mother," said the actress, who has four children with her husband, Warren Beatty. "And I really liked having a woman who was

not conflicted about not having children."

That's a new wrinkle. But, as Ryan points out, the central issue of all versions of "The Women"—what will Mary do about her collapsing marriage?—is as dramatic today as it was in the '30s.

"If this occurs in a woman's life, it's an enormous thing to happen," said Ryan, whose own marriage to Dennis Quaid ended following an affair she had with Russell Crowe. "Your

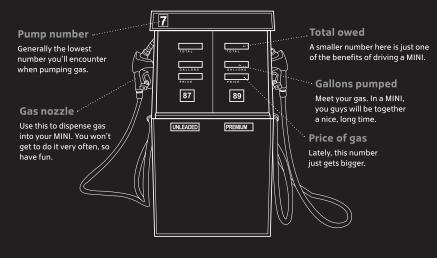
husband is cheating on you and what do you do? Who are your allies and who comes to your aid? All of these things are, I think, relevant and equally true now. So it's just different observations on an age-old trouble."

Yet one conceit from a previous era was quite noticeably retained: There are no men in the movie.

"We had 25 production assistants on each of the four corners surrounding Fifth Avenue on a Sunday afternoon," English said, "trying to keep men from wandering into the shot."

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'SNL's" Darrell Hammond (left) and Fred Armisen will play John McCain and Barack Obama. Ap

'SNL' kicks off political season

Associated Press

"You can just feel it simmering," says Darrell Hammond while walking down the hallways of Studio 8H at the NBC building in New York, as if he can touch the energy around the new season of "Saturday Night Live" pulsating from the walls.

One of the most anticipated seasons in the 34-year history of "SNL" premieres at 10:30 p.m. Saturday with Michael Phelps hosting.

With an election filled with comic material galore, "Saturday Night Live" is beginning early this year. Three prime-time shows also are planned on NBC, as well as a special the night before the election.

"The stakes are really high and everyone knows it," says "SNL" executive producer and creator Lorne Michaels. "We'll definitely make some noise."

At the center of that noise will be Hammond and Fred Armisen, the cast members playing the candidates: Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama, respectively. While McCain and Obama duke it out on the campaign trail, their every move will be observed and reflected in the fun-house mirror of these two mimic maestros.

FEY COMEBACK?

No one at "SNL" will say who will play John McCain's running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin. "SNL" producer Lorne Michaels says she likely won't be cast until just before Saturday's show, but didn't rule out "SNL" alumna Tina Fey, who many have observed resembles the Alaskan governor. AP

"SNL" has been on an upswing in recent years—creatively and in the ratings—and last year's strike-marred season reminded many of the show's political relevance. Particularly influential was a sketch by veteran writer and political humor specialist Iim Downey that depicted the media fawning over Obama.

Armisen and Hammond, though, prefer not to think about any effect "SNL" might have on the polls. "I almost feel like it would be a bad idea to put that much pressure on yourself," says Armisen in an interview in his office with Hammond. "I enjoy the theater of it."

"We're distorting a piece of temporary perception of a changing piece of information," Hammond says. "I kind of think of myself as a clown who wears funny noses. I don't think that I'm a policy wonk or a legislator."

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"Mad TV" will hit the political scene in its season premiere at 10 p.m. Saturday on Fox.

- » Guest star Jerry O'Connell will play John Edwards in "Viva La Cheata," a music video parody of the Coldplay hit "Viva la Vida," according to the network.
- » In a skit called "So You Think You Can Dance: Presidential Edition," regular
- cast members will play the presidential candidates and their wives:
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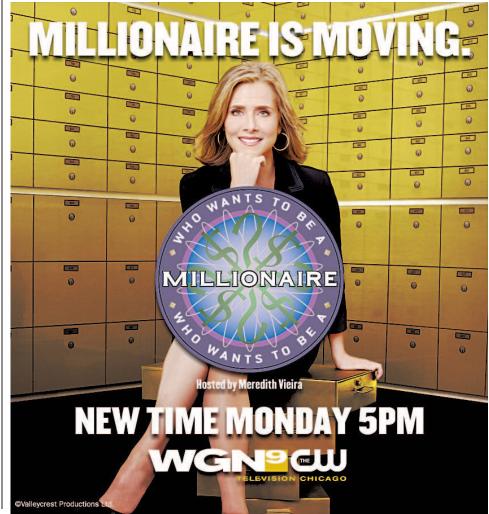
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Juliet Aubrey is having a good time playing bad.

The award-winning British actress stars as Helen Cutter in BBC America's sci fi series "Primeval," which has its season I finale at 8 p.m. Saturday. The new season begins at the same time Sept. 20.

"She's very ambitious. She's very driven. She's a

brilliant scientist," Aubrey told me at San Diego Comic-Con in July. "Helen gets a lot more wicked as time goes by. She gets quite



Nick Cutter, played by Douglas Henshall, hides from beasts on "Primeval." BBCAMERICA

detached from the real world really in her ambition to strive for this perfect future. She takes no prisoners. She's pretty tough."

So far this season, Helen has traveled back in time through space-time anomalies and lived among the dinosaurs who also

have stumbled into the present. Helen has refused to help her husband, Nick, and his team of experts stop the dinosaurs. She lends a hand only when its convenient to her secret plans.

"She's got a mission; she's got a motive



Aubrey

and an aim to find out about the future, what's going to happen in the future, and that is what drives her," Aubrey said. "That's what drives everything with her."

When she returns to the present in

Saturday's season finale, a new kind of predator follows her: It's a seemingly unstoppable creature from the future.

"This future predator is faster and stronger and more deadly than any predator that's been let in," Aubrey said. "And so we need to find a way to control this animal."

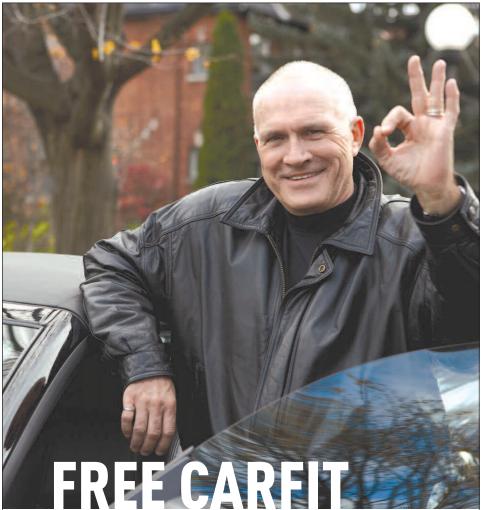
Again, Helen spends more time fulfilling her needs-including trying to convince her husband's best friend to time-travel with her and tricking the team in another surprising twist in the show. In the Season 2 premiere next week, she even plants a spy in the government agency that is backing Cutter.

"From my perspective, she just wants to try and make the world a better place without humans if necessary," Aubrey said. When her co-star Karl Theobald expressed doubt about that statement, Aubrey laughingly added: "You have to love your character."





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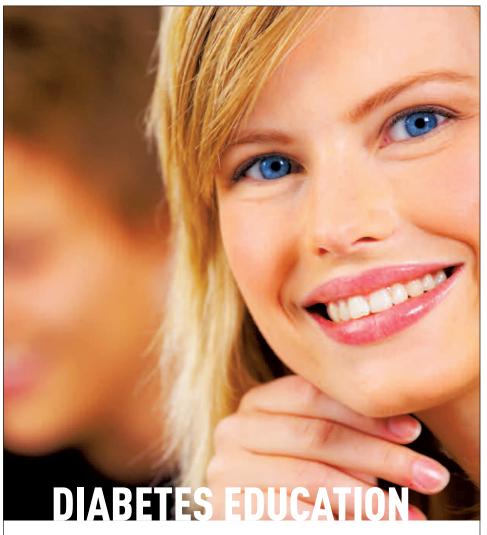
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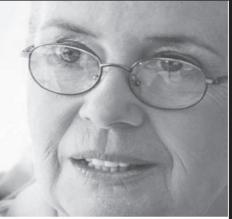
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Who wants sex?

Men may not be the sexed-up ones

Are men more sexed up than women? Maybe not.

Men are way more into sex than women, according to popular opinion.

Not exactly good news for a gay gal, because that theory means that you're far less likely to get your groove going on a regular basis than a guy.

But is the theory true?

In the 2007 sociological tome "Close Encounters:

Communication in Relationships," the authors put forth the idea that the wide gap between the male and female sex drive isn't just conjecture, but factual. They cite study after study that shows men have sex more often, with more people, and value the act more than their female partners. And men are far more likely to engage in casual sex, the book claims.

Further, the chasm between the two genders gets even more vast when the variable of homosexuality is thrown in. Gay men have sex far more often than lesbians, according to the book. The authors report that while 75 percent of lesbians engage in long-term, monogamous relationships, about 82 percent of gay men reported that they don't much care for monogamy.

To test the theory, I decided to do some research of my own, albeit far less scientific. I posted two bogus ads on a social-networking site for Minneapolis during the Republican National Convention last week. In one ad, I claimed to be a man looking for a casual encounter with another dude. In the other, I was a woman looking to hook up with another chick. My findings were surprising.

The man/man ad

I have warm, fuzzy feelings for big, fuzzy men, so I posted a bearfriendly listing, headed "Cub seeking papa bear for one-night": "Furry boy seeks big (big in EVERY way) man for discreet fun. Have hotel near convention but am willing to meet near downtown. Must send pic before meeting." I grabbed a bogus photo that didn't show a face.

Responses started hitting my inbox only a few minutes after I posted, and they did not disappoint. I'd expected a healthy number of boys looking to take me up on my offer and send pics showing off their bear-like physiques. They did.

I ended up with about 10 e-mails containing meeting locales, declarations of great sexual prowess and photos showing some surprisingly limber gentlemen entangled in various positions. If I were a man in St. Paul looking for casual fun, I would have had plenty.

The woman/woman ad

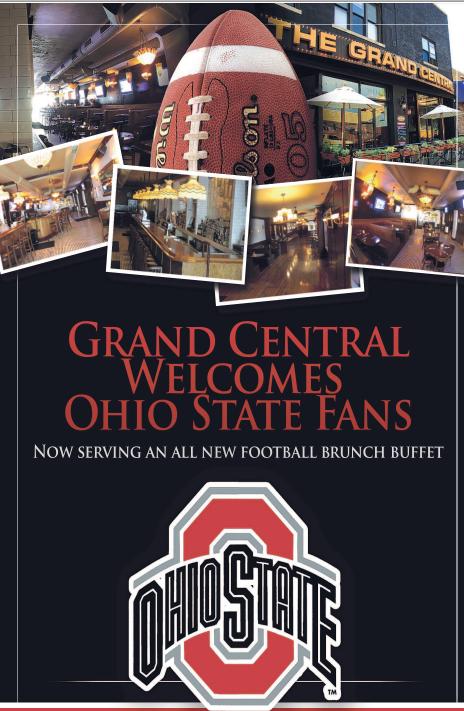
I titled this ad "Just passing through, looking for fun": "I'm in town for the convention and looking for a woman to help me pass the time after hours with some discreet fun. Must be fit, disease and drug free. NO MEN. Send pic for the next step."

If the authors of "Close Encounters" were totally accurate in their theories regarding the difference in sexual attitudes and practices between gay men and lesbians, my w4w posting would have received far fewer responses or no responses at all. That was not the case. In fact, the number of ladies looking for fast love outpaced the boys.

A few respondents expressed interest in meeting for dinner and drinks and getting to know each other before the physical stuff. But most were more to the point. Women were not shy about sending photos of themselves — most of them not printable in this column — and a few details regarding what the two of us might do when we met.

Conclusions

While I might not be a trained sociologist, I am a lesbian drawing upon years of field research. Therefore, I feel qualified to say that while widespread research might indicate gay women aren't all that into sex, lesbians everywhere are putting that theory to the test and proving it wrong. SEX COLUMNIST JENNI SPINNER IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.



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EXCITEMENT: ATMAN

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The Interwebs were abuzz
this week with chatter about
casting decisions for two popular superhero
adaptations: the Batman and Captain
America stories.

First, MTV reported on its Splash page—touted as *the* place for coverage of comics-inspired flicks—that Will Smith might be in the running to don the stars and stripes in a reported adaptation of the Marvel Comics story. Then the site introduced the idea that "Dark Knight" director Christopher Nolan is mulling a new Batman tale featuring Johnny Depp as The Riddler and Philip Seymour Hoffman as The Penguin.

Of course, these were only rumors. Hoffman tells the network that "no one has talked to" him about the role, nor was there any comment or confirmation from Depp or movie execs about The Riddler gig. Even MTV pointed out it was "unlikely" Smith would take on "Captain America" after his role in the subversive superhero flick "Hancock."

Still, a rumor's a rumor. It's also the perfect opportunity to assess how well these guys would fit into those roles—assuming they are ever offered the job.



Will Smith

Rumored role: Captain America Following in the footsteps of: No one, really—although there was a "Captain America" flick released in 1990 in the U.K., according to **imdb.com**. It starred some dude named Matt Salinger.

Advantages: From his days on "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" to the present, Smith has established himself as an All-American entertainer. He'd be perfect for those star-spangled threads made famous in the comics.

Disadvantages: Audiences might have a hard time seeing him as the do-gooder after his turn as a delinquent super-

The verdict: It's a stretch, but Smith could pull it off.

hero in "Hancock."

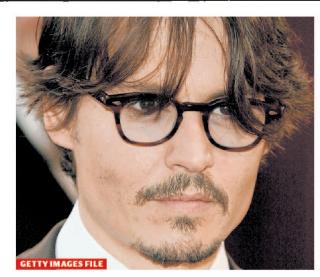


Philip Seymour Hoffman



Rumored role: The Penguin Following in the footsteps of: Danny DeVito in "Batman Returns" Advantages: The man knows how to play a good creepster.

It'd be like "Capote," but with a lot of weird makeup—and probably an umbrella. **Disadvantages:** Aside from telling MTV that no one has asked him about it, Hoffman didn't seem too interested in playing the part when he talked to the network. **The verdict:** If he's not interested, neither are we.



Johnny Depp
Rumored role: The Riddler
Following in the footsteps of:
Jim Carrey in "Batman Forever"
Advantages: Depp's resume
features a wide range of whimsical
and dark parts. Riddler isn't
much of a leap from his role as
Willy Wonka in "Charlie and the
Chocolate Factory."
Disadvantages: Nothing
comes to mind. He's a
serious actor—like
Heath Ledger—who
could freshen up an

off-the-wall part.

The verdict: Sign

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Chicago gets the boot

The bad reviews keep rolling in for Chicago native Terri Stevens, who was kicked off "Project Runway" in Wednesday's episode.

Stevens and partner Keith Bryce made a gown that had a faux fur stole with a high collar based on the astrological sign Leo. Stevens later ditched the faux fur and created an orange-red wrap with a train for the gown. Still, the judges continued to knock her design on Thursday.

"It's just horrible. Really horrible and unflattering," "Project Runway" judge Michael Kors wrote in his blog for Bravo.

Stevens, who has worked for Victoria's Secret, was expected to go far in the competition. Fellow contestant Blayne Walsh also was eliminated in Wednesday's episode.



Conrad

Book it

OMG! Lauren Conrad has a book

"The Hills" diva has signed a three-book deal with HarperCollins Publishers to write a series of young adult tales, Us

Weekly reports.

The series will be titled "L.A. Candy" and will "tell the behind-the-scenes story of a young girl who moves to L.A. and unexpectedly becomes the star of a reality television show," according to a release obtained by the magazine.

Rep: They're not engaged

In case you were wondering, Tara Reid is not engaged. The actor and, of late, fashionista's rep said there was no truth to the speculation that the former "American Pie" starlet is engaged to Julien Jarmoune, a French fashion executive for J & Company. "It's just a rumor, not true," the rep tells usmagazine.com. Reid and Jarmoune were spotted together last month in Las Vegas after Reid's clothing line debut.

Celeb translator



Celebrity sound bite: "I'm in shock right now.

I was not expecting this." Background: Britney Spears, accepting her third trophy at the MTV Video Music

Awards, according to AP Translation: No, seriously, I was not expecting to be let out of the house for this long.



Celebrity sound bite:

"I'm probably more nervous doing this than I was swimming in Beijing, I'll tell you that!'

Background: Olympian Michael Phelps, on his "SNL" hosting duties this

weekend, according to People Translation: By nervous, I mean exhausted. Bordering on overexposure is tough business.



Celebrity sound bite:

"Her reaction when she heard: 'I'll get a no-neck guy from the West Side to break his knees."

Background: Sun-Times movie critic Roger Ebert, on his wife's reaction

to the news he was whacked at the Toronto Film Festival

Translation: Sure it's sarcastic, but makes for a hell of a headline, doesn't it?



Celébrity twin

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For your lips only

In a perfect world, according to Katy Perry's boyfriend Travis McCoy, Perry's lips would never stray from his own.

But if the "I Kissed A Girl" singer absolutely had to kiss a girl, McCoy has a candidate in mind.

"Elisabeth Shue," McCoy, the lead singer of Gym Class Heroes, admitted after Us Weekly magazine twisted his arm. "She was my first crush, from 'Adventures in Babysitting.''

Well, at least he's honest.

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Frame grabs from tmz.com claim to show Kanye West (gray hoodie) and KANYE Don Crowley (red sweatshirt) a ARRESTED Don Crowley (red sweatshirt) at LAX.

Kanye West's arrival Thursday at Los Angeles International Airport wasn't exactly a pictureperfect event.

The Chicago rapper was arrested for apparently helping smash a paparazzo's camera on the floor at the airport.

Police arrested the music superstar shortly before 8 a.m. He and his manager, Don Crowley, were booked for investigation of felony vandalism, although prosecutors will determine what charges they might face.

West was released from police custody by

Thursday afternoon. Blair Berk, who was retained as his attorney, said she couldn't comment on the

A clip of the video shot by the celebrity gossip site TMZ shows West and Crowley grabbing the camera from a photographer, who is yelling "Police! Police!" and "Help me!" After they wrest it away, it appears that the manager smashes the camera to the ground, and the rapper follows by slamming down a flash.

The video starts mid-confrontation, and doesn't show how it began or what might have caused it to escalate.

THE VELVET ROPE

Lil' surfer boy

If Matthew McConaughey has his way, his son will be a chip off the old surfboard.

"He'll be getting salty soon," McConaughey told People magazine of his infant son Levi. Big Mac, who stars in the new movie "Surfer. Dude." noted that Levi is "outdoors as much as he is indoors."

McConaughey said his movie plays up his own dude-like image.

"When I'm lucky enough to be in a place where I don't have to wear a shirt and shoes, I don't," he said. "It's to pop the bubble and go, 'Guess what? Now I'll do it the whole movie."



Just say no to catfights

"The Hills" and "Gossip Girl" are two of TV's hottest guilty pleasures, but "Ugly Betty" star America Ferrera thinks they might be creating a generation of mean girls.

"If you're watching 'The Hills' or '90210,' all the back-stabbing shapes the way we act-you go to school and you think vour job is to find a sworn enemy and be jealous of each other," she tells Seventeen magazine, according to excerpts on usmagazine.com.

"I mean I love Blake [Lively]"-with whom Ferrera co-stars in "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" franchise—"she's a wonderful friend of mine, but shows like 'Gossip Girl' kind of condition us to be mean."



The number of episodes **Shannen Doherty** (left) signed on to do for "90210," according to "Access

Hollywood." A rep for CW said "we'd always made it clear we'd love for her to do more."

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